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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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Title: NOISE REDUCTION APPARATUS AND NOISE REDUCTION  
METHOD

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 31 pages, including 2 independent claims and 12 claims total.
2. Drawings - 7 sheets of formal drawings containing 8 figures.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fee of \$790.00. Please do not charge the filing fee to our Deposit Account without our authorization.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Japanese Application No. 9-310231 filed November 12, 1997.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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